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SUBJECT: FRENCH OFFICIAL REACTION TO SOVIET PROPOSAL
ON CYPRUS

1. QUAI ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR SOUTHERN EUROPE
REUILLARD BRIEFED EMBOFF AUGUST 26 ON GOF REACTION TO
SOVIET PROPOSAL ON CYPRUS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS
NOT STRICTLY A REPLY, BUT RATHER SOME "OBSERVATIONS"
WHICH QUAI HAD COMMUNICATED TO SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN-
FORMALLY. THE ONLY FORMAL REPLY IS GOF'S FIRST
STATEMENT THAT SOVIET PROPOSAL WAS "UNDER STUDY".

2. REUILLARD LISTED THREE KEY ELEMENTS OF GOF
"OBSERVATIONS":

A. ROLE OF UNSC IN PEACE KEEPING IS CENTRAL
AND UNDENIABLE. AS PERMANENT MEMBERS OF SC, FRENCH
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CANNOT BUT AFFIRM ITS COMPETENCE.

B. UNSC HAS ALREADY ADOPTED RESOLUTION 353 INVITING THE PARTIES TO UNDERTAKE NEGOTIATIONS (IN GENEVA CONFERENCE CONTEXT). GOF REMAINS COMMITTED BY THAT DECISION.

C. NEVERTHELESS, FRANCE DOES NOT WISH TO FORECLOSE ANY OPTIONS WHICH MIGHT BE NECESSARY IN THE FUTURE. IT DOES NOT EXCLUDE ANY FORUM WHICH MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES.

3. COMMENTING ON THESE INFORMAL "OBSERVATIONS", REUILLARD SAID THEY WERE MOTIVATED BY PARIS DESIRE TO KEEP THE DOOR OPEN SO THAT CYPRUS SITUATION WOULD NOT DETERIORATE, AS WELL AS CONVICTION THAT IT WOULD BE WRONG TO PUT FAITH IN SUCH "MIRACLE SOLUTIONS" AS SOV PROPOSAL

4. COMMENT: FRENCH APPARENTLY HOPE TO AVOID HAVING TO MAKE FORMAL REPLY TO MOSCOW. THIS IS MOTIVATED BY THEIR INTEREST IN MAINTAINING "PRIVILEGED" RELATIONSHIP WITH SOVIETS AS WELL AS IMPORTANCE GOF POLICY TRADITIONALLY ATTACHES TO ITS UNSC ROLE. AT SAME TIME FRENCH REALIZE THAT THEY COULD NOT CONSCIENTIOUSLY GIVE POSITIVE REPLY ENCOURAGING SOVIET PROPOSAL BECAUSE THEY DO NOT CONSIDER IT CONSTRUCTIVE AND BECAUSE UK MUST BE PRESSING THEM FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF GENEVA CONFERENCE.
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